

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Joan McFarland on her 100th birthday. I join with her family and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our Nation.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR ROY
MCDONALD

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mayor Roy McDonald on his retirement after 26 years of faithful service to the citizens of the City of West Orange, Texas.

Roy was born on June 30, 1944 in Glenmora, Louisiana to Jesse and Della McDonald and grew up in DeQuincy, Louisiana. After graduating from DeQuincy High School in 1962, he went on to serve his country in the United States Army from 1962 through 1965, where he earned the rank of Specialist 5th Class.

Following his time in the military, Roy moved to Texas in 1966 to work for Dupont, where he remained for 32 years until his retirement in 1998. It was in Orange, Texas that he met and married his wife LaVerne on January 7, 1967 and raised their children Beverly and Troy. His children remember fondly the road trips he planned for his family, how he mapped out every trip they took, and how he taught them to follow along on the map as they traveled across the country. His children remember these road trips being such fun experiences that they didn't even realize how their dad was teaching them at the time.

Roy and LaVerne share a strong faith in God and have been faithful, lifelong members of McDonald Memorial Baptist Church, where he has served as deacon, Trustee, and Sunday School teacher for many years. Roy has also served as a member of the Gideon International organization.

In 1987, Roy became involved in politics by serving on the West Orange City Council for five years before becoming Mayor of West Orange in May of 1995. During his time as a public servant, he worked on numerous local, regional, and state committees. Roy served on the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission from 1999 to 2004, working in several different positions from Secretary to President. He also served on the Texas Association of Regional Councils as Chairman of the Budget and By-laws Committee and as President of the Association. In addition, he served on the Texas Municipal League Small Cities Advisory Council as Chairman. In 2002 and 2004, Roy was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Southeast Texas Regional Review Committee.

During his tenure as mayor, Roy oversaw the construction of a new City Hall, new Fire and Police Stations, and numerous drainage and street projects. He also helped organize the city's recovery efforts after several natural disasters, such as the ice storm in 1997, and as many as nine hurricanes and tropical storms over the last three decades.

I wish Roy well in this next phase of life and have no doubt he will enjoy spending more time with his bride LaVerne, his daughter Bev-

erly and her husband Dr. Servet Satir, and with his son Troy McDonald and wife Rose, and especially his five grandchildren Troy McDonald II, Olivia Satir, Kyle McDonald, Micah Satir, and Megan McDonald.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Mayor McDonald for his lifetime of dedicated service to the citizens of West Orange and wish him the very best during his well-deserved retirement.

COMMENDING PLACE OF HOPE

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an organization that is celebrating 20 years of service to our community. Place of Hope has been dedicated to providing a stable and loving environment for children, youth, and families that are suffering from abuse, neglect, homelessness, and human trafficking.

Place of Hope has served over 17,000 children, youth, and families in our community over the past 20 years. To date, a remarkable 320 "forever families" have been created via adoption. They are the largest, most diverse, residential children and families organization in Palm Beach County and on the Treasure Coast. Moreover, because of their work, more than 40,000 community members have been educated about human trafficking.

Organizations like Place of Hope are indispensable to making the world and community a better place, so I congratulate them on their 20 years of service and wish them continuing success in the future.

SAMANTHA BOWES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samantha Bowes for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Samantha Bowes is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Samantha Bowes is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Samantha Bowes for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING COLE R. SOUTHARD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cole R. Southard. Cole is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cole has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cole has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cole R. Southard for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE FRONTLINE
HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, celebrate, and honor the frontline healthcare workers of the great state of South Dakota.

Some of these South Dakota heroes are: Kelci Schulz, Staci Schulz, Chelsea Schulz, Becky Schulz, Kristina Schulz, Sheila Schumacher, Carol Schumacher, Cynthia Schumacher, Mary Schumacher, Mary Schumacher, Stacy Schumacher, Bette Schumacher, Kara Schumacher, Jennifer Schumacher, Kristy Schumacher, Alyssa Schumacher, Andrew Schumacher, Amanda Schumacher, Jacob Schumacher, Janice Schuman, Cindy Schuman, Jill Schuman, Janiele Schumm, Wanda Schummer, Melanie Schuppan, Natosha Schurch, Luanne Schurmer, Nancy Schuring, Mariah Schurman, Paige Schurman, Colleen Schurrer, Sarah Schuster, Thomas Schuster, Katherine Schuster, Stephanie Schuster, Hilary Schuster, Kathryn Schuster, Cynthia Schuttler, Marie Schutz, Courtney Schutz, Calley Schuyler, Rachael Schwab, Amanda Schwader, Mary Schwaegerl, Kimberly Schwan, Angela Schwan, Kayla Schwan, Jacalyn Schwan, Sarah Schwarten, Sylvia Schwarting, Anne Schwartz, Kristi Schwartz, Michele Schwartz, Colette Schwartz, Brooke Schwartz, Kelsey Schwartz, Ellen Schwarz, Bonita Schwarz, Dawn Schwarze, Linda Schwebach, Claudia Schwebach, Katlyn Schweder, Mattie Schweers, Sara Schweigert, Nyree Schweigert, Kathy Schweitzer, Sandra Schweitzer, Linda Schweitzer, Carla Schweitzer, Kimm Schweitzer, Megan Schweitzer, Clay Schweitzer, Judith Schwerin, Heather Schwichtenberg, Paul Schwichtenberg, Joel Schwiesow, Peter Schwiesow, Staci Schwingler, Tammy Scollard, Linda Scott, Cheryl Scott, Pamela Scott, Julie Scott, Gina